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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application.

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on June 11, 2002. (Any unentered amendment referred to above will be entered.)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____.
- iii. ☐ Other ____.
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit/Declaration
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
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- iv. ☐ Other ____.

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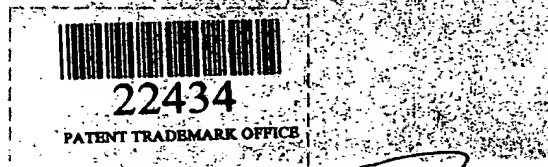
2. **Fees:** (The RCE fee is required at the time the RCE is filed.)

Fee Calculation (37 CFR §1.16)

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- ☒ a. Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time.
- ☐ b. Applicant believes that no (additional) extension of time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant hereby petitions that such an extension be granted and authorizes the Director to charge the required fees for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388.
- ☒ c. Enclosed is our Check No. 6079 in the amount of \$850.00 to cover the RCE fee, and/or extension of time fees.
- ☒ d. The Director is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. LAM1P118)
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